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SUBJECT: JULY FOURTH CELEBRATIONS

1. WITH ASSISTANCE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY, EMBASSY ORGANIZED AN AMERICAN-STYLE PICNIC AT CAIRO COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN MAADI FOR AMERICAN COMMUNITY. EVENT INCLUDED RACES FOR CHILDREN AND PICNIC-STYLE REFRESHMENTS. SOME 500 PRIVATE AMERICANS AND THEIR CHILDREN ATTENDED. AMBASSADOR READ PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT AND THANKED AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS UNIFORMLY POSITIVE. VARIOUS ATTENDEES COMMENTED IT CAPTURED THE SPIRIT OF JULY 4 BETTER THAN ANY PREVIOUS STATEMENT THEY HAD HEARD.

2. AT NOON A PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL CALLED ON AMBASSADOR FORMALLY TO CONVEY PRESIDENT SADAT'S FELICITATIONS TO USG AND AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCASSION. YESTERDAY'S PRESS CARRIED THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD. ALSO INDICATED VP MOBAREK HAD SENT SIMILAR CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO VP ROCKEFELLER.

3. FORMAL RECEPTION WAS HELD LAST NIGHT AT EMBASSY COMPOUND FOR DISTINGUISHED OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE EGYPTIANS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HEADS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY,
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ETC. APPROXIMATELY 550 GUESTS SHOWED UP. MINISTERIAL

TURNOUT WAS GOOD, WITH SIX MINISTERS AND GOVERNOR OF CAIRO PRESENT. EGYPTIAN MILITARY LESS WELL REPRESENTED THAN LAST YEAR, PARTLY WE SUSPECT IN RESPONSE OUR HANDLING OF OCTOBER 6 EGYPTIAN CELEBRATIONS. EVENT WAS WARM AND CORDIAL AND NUMEROUS EGYPTIANS SEIZED OCCASION TO EXPRESS PLEASURE AT NEW ERA OF US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS THAT HAS DEVELOPED PAST EIGHT MONTHS.

4. CONGEN ALEXANDRIA HELD STAG RECEPTION AT HIS RESIDENCE. OVER 70 PERSONS ATTENDED. AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOE (AMBASSADOR GHORBAL, DR. AHMED EFFAT AND FUAD TEYMOUR OF THE PRESIDENCY), CONSULAR CORPS, CHURCH COMMUNITY (LEADERS FROM MARONITE, ARMENIAN ORTHODOX, GREEK ORTHODOX AND ROMAN CATHOLIC GROUPS WERE NOTICEABLE -- A DEPARTURE FROM LAST YEAR), PRESS CORPS, ETC. IN LATE AFTERNOON ABOUT 250 MEMBERS OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ALEXANDRIA AND FAMILIES GATHERED AT PATHAY HOUSE FOR AN AMERICAN-STYLE PICNIC. EILTS

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